

There is often debate about education. Despite those who oppose the proposition I think that extending high school to five years would have a positive effect on our nation. In addition to having an extra year to try more extracurricular activities and community service opportunities, it would allow people that cannot pay for a college education to further their education and have a chance to land a better job. The extra year would certainly help high school students to achieve all that is expected of them.

Many high schoolers don't have time for extracurricular activities or community service. Adding a year to high school would help high schoolers in finding an activity or sport that is right for them. This would help students a lot. High schoolers in extracurricular activities have been proven to do better in school, partly because of pass-to-play rules. Extracurricular activities also help high schoolers make friends, who encourage teens to come to school and help make school more fun. Friends also help teens feel better about themselves. If out-of-school activities can help high schoolers so much, we should let them have more opportunities to get involved in them.

Another reason for extending the high school education is for people that can't afford to go to college right out of high school. Further education would help these people to get a leg up on competition when they apply for a job. A better job means better pay, so college may not just be a dream for these people. Also, another year would allow high achievers to do even better, separating them from others. This would make it easier for colleges when it comes to selecting students for admission. It allows hard workers to appeal to colleges even if they are not rich.

Overall, a fifth year of high school would give us a better educated society. Employers would be less likely to hire someone with only four years of high school than someone with five years, thus increasing competition and driving student to stand out from the crowd. High schoolers that are serious about their future will have the opportunity to show this to colleges and employers. Extending high school is the right thing to do.